



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL MARK A. BARRETT

Colonel Mark A. Barrett is the commander of the 325th Operations Group, 325th Fighter Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The 325th Operations Group is comprised of nearly 1,400 personnel in three fighter squadrons, an air control squadron and an operations support squadron. The group trains F-15 pilots, air battle managers and enlisted weapons directors for worldwide assignment to the combat air forces.



Colonel Barrett is the principal advisor to the 325th Fighter Wing commander on training and operational issues.

Colonel Barrett was commissioned into the Air Force in 1979 after graduating from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C., with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. Colonel Barrett is a command pilot with more than 2,500 hours in the F-15C/D. He has commanded at the flight, squadron and group levels.

EDUCATION:

- 1979 Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering, North Carolina State University, Raleigh N.C.
- 1984 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1989 Master's Degree in Aeronautical Science Technology, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
- 1994 Air Command and Staff College, by seminar, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1996 Air War College, by seminar, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1999 National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. April 1980-April 1981, student, undergraduate pilot training, Reese AFB, Texas.
2. May 1981-October 1984, T-33 instructor pilot and flight commander, 95th Fighter Interceptor Training Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
3. December 1985-April 1985, student, F-15 Training, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. May 1985- October 1986 F-15 flight lead, 53rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Bitburg Air Base, Germany
5. November 1986-February 1988, fighter liaison officer, 2nd Armored Cavalry

- Regiment, Merrell Barracks, Nuremburg, Germany
6. March 1988-January 1991, F-15 instructor pilot and flight commander, 59th FS, Eglin AFB, Fla.
 7. January 1991-January 1993, F-15 flight commander, assistant operations officer, director of exercises, Air Forces Iceland, Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland
 8. February 1993-January 1995, F-15 realistic training manager and executive officer to the vice commander ACC, Langley AFB, Va.
 9. February 1995-February 1996, F-15 assistant operations officer, 94th FS, Langley AFB, Va.
 10. March 1996-July 1998, operations officer and commander, 493rd Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
 11. August 1998-June 1999, student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
 12. July 1999-April 2001, operational officer, EUCOM Division, Operations Directorate (J3), Joint Staff, Washington D.C.
 13. May 2001-January 2002, deputy commander, 1st Operations Group, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.
 14. January 2002 – Present, commander, 325th Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,000 hours

Aircraft flown: T-33, T-37, T-38, F-15 C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Air medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant Apr 22, 1980

First Lieutenant Apr 22, 1982

Captain Apr 22, 1984

Major Jan 1, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Dec 1, 1996

Colonel May 1, 2002

(Current as of August 2002)